

Studsoc exec. present brief without council approval

by Chris Lawson

Yesterday, Students' Society VP External Ian Brodie presented a brief to the Gratton Commission on Education. Last minute changes made to the brief were not approved by Students' Council, and the brief as a whole was opposed by a coalition of over 10,000 McGill students.

Jean-Pierre Jolivet, a member of the parliamentary commission, expressed his concern, saying, "perhaps your brief would have been different if you had further informed the student population and had more consultation with other students."

Brodie defended the brief saying, "the societies who opposed our brief had not read the brief, but instead based their vote on the issue on extracts from the campus media."

Jolivet further questioned the structure of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU), which allowed a brief to be presented with only the approval of a five member executive.

"An organization can only get so democratic," Brodie responded.

The McGill Association of University Teachers, and SSMU, presented the brief in Quebec City after making last minute changes, which included rewriting the section on tuition fee increases and adding several paragraphs to two other sections of the brief.

The final version recommended that tuition fees rise to \$1250 by 1988 and that any further increase be preceded by "a complete review of the accessibility of university education... to review the impact of higher fees."

Commission member Jean Blackburn pointed out that, "\$2500 is too excessive."

Some commission members also received a copy of a press release from the McGill Ad Hoc Committee for Accessible Education which denounced the brief. The committee represents more than 10,000 McGill students including 2600 who signed a petition demanding that SSMU oppose tuition fee increases.

Carlene Gardner, who helped organize the petition, said, "The purpose of the press release is to publicly discredit McGill so the government can't use McGill's name to legitimize tuition increases."

The committee also represents the Law Students' Association, the Post-Graduate Students' Society, the Social Work Students' Association, and the Engineering Undergraduate Society, which specifically refused to endorse the revised brief.

The revised brief, while approved by the Executive Committee of SSMU, was submitted to the member associations of the Ad Hoc Committee and was rejected unanimously. Said Peter Chermas, EUS Vice President, "We didn't feel it represented fully the needs of EUS's members."

The brief was not ratified by council before being presented.

Said Gardner, "The onus is on us to prove that the SSMU executive is not representative of students."

"François Longpré, LSA vice-president, affirmed, "Eighty per cent of McGill students are from Quebec. Four of five members of the SSMU executive are not. They don't understand the issues involved."

Gardner added, "The SSMU executive has betrayed the students who elected them."



Women to suffer most from tuition hike

by Kristina Stockwood

Discrimination against women prevails in the university system. Women will be affected more by a tuition increase than men, says a survey commissioned by the Students' Society of l'université de Montréal (FAECUM).

The survey indicates that 15.6 per cent of women, compared with 10.9 per cent of men, will drop-out of university if the tuition freeze is lifted.

This is attributed to the fact that women have less monetary support than men at university. 19.9 per cent of women are given bursaries and 27.3 per cent of men are.

As well, 26.8 per cent of women receive loans while 31.3 per cent of men do.

The survey says that women are more often put in a financial situation which makes it more difficult to continue their university studies.

If a woman has to hold a job during the academic year to permit her to finance her studies, the time that she spends probably makes it more difficult to keep up with her academic work.

Even if she works part-time a woman is more often put in a financially difficult position. The study says that 58.3 per cent of women work part-time, compared to 52.8 per cent of men, though only 57.6 per cent of women find summer jobs, in contrast to 63.3 per cent of men.

Sebastien Richard, general delegate to Student Services at l'université de Montréal, said the survey was commissioned by his Students' Society to discover "the feelings of students in all

of Québec about the doubling of tuition fees.

"We wanted to see if we were representative of all of Québec," he said. "We knew we had to mobilize a lot of people at universities in Montréal and McGill was one of them."

"We were very surprised when McGill's Students' Society told us that it was indeed ready to support the tuition increase," he said.

"We had meetings with them and thought they might change their minds," in light of the results of the survey, he said.

"In our poll, there is no difference between Laval, U of Montréal, Concordia and McGill of students who are in opposition to tuition increases."

"Let's hope that the McGill Students' Society will change their mind," he added.

"One thing is for sure, McGill is a big campus and an important one and the credibility of the position" is enforced by its support.

"If school fees are doubled the real problem isn't solved," he said. "We must know whether funds invested in universities are properly used."

The survey said that only 63.6 per cent of women are satisfied with their university education. Similarly, only 55.3 per cent of men are "satisfied enough" or "very" satisfied with the practical content of university teaching.

The firm of Léger et Lépage carried out the survey for FAECUM in July. The 1,038 respondents were registered in 1985-86 courses at l'université de Montréal, l'université du Québec (à Montréal, Chicoutimi, Rouyn and Hull), Laval University, Concordia and McGill.



Residences overflow

by Jeanne Iribarne

McGill's residences are becoming increasingly more in demand, so much so that 400 students are on the waiting list this year.

Mrs. Brenda Norris, a representative of the Board of Governors, spoke at last Friday's Senate meeting to voice her alarm that so many students are being turned away.

"Students with high academic qualifications have been accepted at McGill," she says, "but they didn't accept because there was no space in residence." She mentioned that 1088 new students and 430 returning students were accepted into residence this year. Roughly 30 per cent of the residences were filled by second and

third year students.

The cause of the increased demand, according to Academic VP Samuel Freedman, is the rising cost of housing in Montréal. "The student ghetto has been gentrified, and the rents are too high for students. They must go farther out into the city."

There have been some suggestions to change the rule so that there will be admission for incoming students only in the following years.

In addition, a Sub-Committee to the Senate's Committee on Residence has been set up to, says Dr. Freedman, "look into the possibility of renting a house or hotel on a short term basis for student accommodation." This sub-committee would solve the problem temporarily and avoid having to build new

residences. "We don't want to get into the idea of building new residences. They tend to be cyclical, he explained. "Five years ago, we couldn't fill our residences."

Dr. Freedman will be meeting with members of the Sub-Committee, Professor Adrian Shepherd (Faculty of Architecture) and Professor L.T. Duer (Dept. of English), next week to discuss their findings. "We want to proceed as rapidly as possible," said Dr. Freedman. The aim is to avoid a similar shortage of housing close to the campus for first year students.

The Dean of Students, Irwin Gopnick, said, "We also have an off-campus housing service which attempts to provide housing for students."

Students rally for Salvadoreans

by Louise Egan

National University of El Salvador (UES).

The images flashing on the screen show students carrying colourful banners in the street and spraying political messages on the walls. This could be a protest anywhere. Then more pictures follow of burnt-out skeletal buildings, a wounded young man being carried to safety, and another already dead, lying in a pool of his own blood.

These are the students of El Salvador assembled in protest on this day because it was on July 30th in 1975 when twenty-three students were killed by government troops while peacefully protesting government policies.

Solidarity with AGEUS. AGEUS is the name for the student association of the

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events

McGill Daycare Auction: 17h00-19h00, Union Ballroom. Preview of goods at 16h30. Guest MC George Balcan of CJAD Radio. Trip raffle draw at 18h00.

Denis Goldberg: Former South African political prisoner dispels any doubts about the need for immediate, militant action against South Africa. Concordia University, Hall-110, 14h00.

Women's Union: Meeting, discussion on pornography. 16h00. All welcome.

McGill Choral Society: Regular rehearsal, F.A.C.E. High School, next to RVC on University St. 18h45 for "Due North" group, 19h30 everyone else.

P.C. McGill: General meeting and discussion of the government's record. 17h00, Union B09-B10.

Student Society/Multicultural Society: Everyone invited to the first Multicultural Students' Society meeting. Come out and see what it's all about! Union 425/426.

McGill Alpine Ski Team: General meeting. Dryland training at 17h00, Council meeting at 19h00. New members welcome. Currie Gym, C.O.T.C. Lounge.

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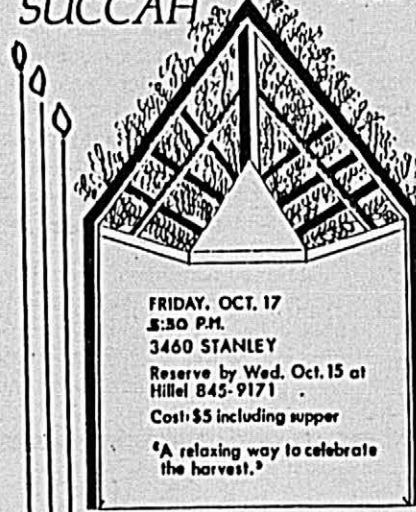


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When is divestment really divestment

by Joe Heath
and Stephanie Lachowicz

Two different groups on campus are giving two different perspectives on the extent of McGill's divestment from companies doing business with South Africa.

Members of the McGill Administration and the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAM-SR) claim that McGill has, to date, divested 32.9 per cent its South African interests.

The South Africa Committee (SAC), on the other hand, believes the figure is much lower. According to Steve Miller, SAC co-coordinator, "A more realistic picture would be one which emphasizes the difference between the book value, and the market value of the stocks. Namely, that the 32.9 per cent is the value of the stock on the day that McGill bought it.

"I assume when the treasury lists a stock as sold, they are listing the most recently purchased holdings as the ones sold. Because the newer stocks have a higher book value than the older ones, it makes for a misleading picture of the divestment process," he said.

At the last meeting of the McGill Senate, a motion was passed reaffirming support for divestment, which is to

be reviewed by the Board of Governors this Monday. Student Arts Senator Randy Flemmings presented the motion in order to "jolt the Board of Governors out of its apparent state of pathological procrastination.

"Eleven months later, only 10 per cent of the stock is divested. At this rate it will take ten years to divest —

ten years is too long," he said.

Abbot Conway, member of the CAM-SR, brought up the figure of 32.9 per cent at Senate. He explained, "I support the motion strongly, but what I wish to carve away from it, what is in his (Flemmings) speech, is a criticism of the board."

The motion passed almost unanimously with two abstentions, and

the traditional single vote against.

The revised lists of McGill's corporate holdings are being prepared for the Board of Governors meeting on Monday. According to Nathan Moss, Secretary to the Board of Governors, "they (treasury) promised it to me last week, but they haven't managed to get it out yet."

Once the document is released, it will become clear exactly how much stock has been divested. According to Flemmings, "Because the Board is being so lock-tight about the situation, it causes conjecture with us as students."

Moss did not deny that the discrepancies could arise due to the age of the stock. "As far as I know, things like IBM could have been

bought a long time ago."

According to Conway, "They (the investment managers) are told to divest... they don't make a distinction between old and new.

"The book value is the only one you can go on, the market value is ephemeral, less accurate," he said.

However, Guy Thompson, SAC Co-coordinator explained, "If you are compiling statistics, and you've got a listing of the stocks sold from the investment managers — say 5000 shares in IBM — and the university has purchased IBM share at ten different times in its history, naturally you're going to use the most recently purchased, which would be the highest, as the ones sold.



Face à face counsels students

by Megan Parry

Face à Face is a listening and referral centre for people who feel lonely or isolated, or who need to talk about their problems. This free bilingual service is run by two former McGill students, Sue Cristiano and Randee Cobrin.

"We're a confidential service," says Terry Kaspi, Face à Face coordinator. "That's an advantage. We get students coming in from McGill who are afraid to go to the university counselling service. They don't want to be seen there by anyone they know.

"You don't need an appointment, you just drop in."

People go to Face à Face with a variety of problems, which include financial trouble, stress, pregnancy, and relationship difficulties. Said Kaspi, "We also help foreign students who feel isolated or are having difficulty adjusting to Canadian society.

"We're a listening service," she stressed. "We don't really treat problems, but sometimes we can help with concrete things.

"For example, Face à Face was able to help a frustrated McGill student who was depressed because she needed financial aid. She was having trouble convincing the university that her family was not supporting her.

"We referred this student to a social worker — that's our general policy. The social worker wrote a letter to McGill and we were eventually able to get the university to give her financial support," concluded Kaspi.

Face à Face has also begun a discussion group for students who feel isolated and want to meet people. Activities are organized for this group, such as guest speakers and movie outings.

Face à Face is located on the boutique level of the Guy metro station in downtown Montréal. For more information, call 934-4545.

Students left loanless and penniless

Montreal (CUP) — More than one third of all Québec students who applied for financial assistance on time are still waiting for their loans.

"It's not a question of the loans being late. It's only a question of them not being processed yet," said Emile Dubois, Québec financial aid director. "We're at the same level we were last year this time," he added.

But Jean-Pierre Paquet of l'Association Nationale des Etudiant-e-s du Québec, says government is not delivering adequate services to students. Because the deadline was pushed from June 30 to May 31, "students were forced to apply earlier this year.

"This is the second time they've pushed the deadline ahead in three years," he said. "There is no reason why they should be late now."

"Most students buy cars with their loans," he said.

About 90,000 of 131,000 applications were processed by early October, according to Dubois. He said the number of applications has doubled during the last 10 years.

Although almost all applications from McGill University have been processed, almost one third of all student loans are late at Concordia University, according to Concordia student aid director Roger Cote.

"You can always say there's room for improvement in the system," said Cote. "Québec (aid department) could benefit, not necessarily by an increase in funding, but by improving the operational aspects of the department."

And while students cope with such short term problems as processing delays, many will face enormous debt loads when they leave school. The Liberal government transferred \$24.3 million from bursaries to loans this spring.

"This means there will be the same amount of money in students' pockets, only their debt load will increase," said Dubois.

"Obviously students will graduate with greater debts, but compared other provinces, Québec student debt loads are still under the average," said Cote.

Paquet sees the increase in debt loads as an attempt to prompt students to finish their degrees in less time.

"They are in effect encouraging increased debts and they are even talking about taking the students' academic standing into account, which will make financial aid conditional on academic performance. This would be an elitist approach," he said.

Cote said the provincial government should also play a role in debt counselling.

"Students should be aware what effects their debts will have on them. They need the proper information and it should be clear whose responsibility this is," he said.

But Dubois said students are already aware of the regulations, and he claims they don't need much assistance in the first place.

"Most students buy cars with their loans," he said.

McGill financial aid counsellor Charlotte Legare agrees with Cote.

"If debt load management is not dealt with at the university level, and the government doesn't do it either, students could end up being surprised at the amount of money they owe," she said.

Cote said he receives 80 requests a week for emergency loans. The money is only available for students who can demonstrate a need for housing and food.

... rally for struggling Salvadoreans

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the aim of making social responsibility a priority amongst students. Since then, students have been a primary target of government forces and paramilitary squads.

The Salvadorean government, said Kinitzki, has tried to end the university's role as an "institution of critical analysis" in the country. In the late 1970s, teachers and students were conducting open debates on the problems and possible solutions to the country's deepening economic and political tensions. The political opposition were invited to voice their views in these "peace forums."

According to Kinitzki, it was this affirmation of the university's political autonomy that provoked the military invasion of the campus in June 1980. During this attack, buildings were bombed, facilities destroyed or removed and many books burned, "simply because they had a red cover." The military occupation lasted four years.

In May 1984, the government succumbed to international pressure and the UES was allowed to reopen. However, the thirty million dollars

worth of damage done in the attack has yet to be repaired.

Where 60,000 had previously enjoyed the lowest tuition fees and the highest educational standard in El Salvador, now only 22,000 can be accommodated in the gutted remains of the campus. The five hundred microscopes possessed by the university in 1980 have been reduced to five. What was the best medical library in Central America now contains but a quarter of its original number of volumes.

In addition to this, AGEUS members are still subject to constant repression by the government. It is in light of this repression that Kinitzki and others were present at AGEUS's demonstration in San Salvador. Because of the presence of international observers and cameras, not a single shot was fired.

In reference to a picture of a student spraypainting a message on a wall in front of the U.S. embassy in San Salvador, Kinitzki remarked, "The reason that man wasn't shot was that we were there."

The Canadian University Students in Solidarity with AGEUS are presently touring Canadian universities bringing this information to students and encouraging a stance in support of AGEUS. They have two projects in Canada. The first is to sponsor Salvadorean students through the UES scholarship program. Last year, international funds raised allowed 104 Salvadoreans who otherwise could not afford it to attend UES.

The second project is to pair Canadian universities with UES. Kinitzki urged students to seek support from their student councils for these projects. "They would have an incredible moral impact in El Salvador," she said.

Seventeen U.S. universities have already adopted UES as their "sister-school."

The slide presentation ended on a hopeful note, as the faces of four Salvadorean children glared out at the audience. "Today, there are two El Salvadors: one is dying and the other is being born... and AGEUS will be with the people in the creation of that new El Salvador today."

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Shot Dance

Think of the last time you went to a hospital. How long you had to wait, and how often you found the medical care to be below your expectations of a modern health care system. This is what you get in a country where, on the average, more than \$1500 are spent on the health care of one person per year. In most Third World countries the budget is only \$1-5. The results of such poor medical care can be horrific and epidemics of easily preventable diseases can kill large numbers of people. In Eastern Nigeria 1 out of 10 children will die of measles. This Friday you can participate in raising funds for a vaccination program against such diseases by coming to the Shot Dance II, in the Union Ballroom.

The Osler Medical Aid Foundation was started at the end of 1985 by 4 medical students at McGill. The aim was to help improve the level of health care available in developing countries. Although still run by medical students, its staff has increased considerably. Our patron is now C.W.L. Jeannes: the Director of Health and Population Sector of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Dr. D. Dawson and Dr. K. Flegel, both of whom have worked in Africa, are the consultants and more than 20 students are now involved. Last year the OMAF became a registered Canadian Foundation and also succeeded in obtaining a government fund matching grant that quadruples the money they raise.

The center chosen for support was the Fr. Matthias Health Care Unit in Naka, Nigeria. It is run by Dr. Einterz: a dedicated McGill graduate, and the 35 local nurses she has trained. This hospital is the only medical care facility for 100,000 people living in an area of 900sq miles in one of the poorest and most under developed areas of Eastern Nigeria.

OMAF's first undertaking was to provide funds for a mass vaccination program for children. The results of this program were impressive indeed. Compared to the 300 children that died of measles epidemic every year in the area within reach of Dr. Einterz' team the epidemic continues unabated. To cater for this problem, OMAF recently raised \$15,000 for a LandRover to act as a mobile health care unit.

This year we plan to send a shipment of \$10,000 worth of vaccines in an attempt to further curb the childhood mortality in the catchment area. These funds will be sufficient to protect 20,000 children from measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and polio. At current mortality rates this means 2,500 lives saved at a cost of \$4 a life.

Shot Dance I last year was not only a thoroughly entertaining party but also enabled OMAF to raise a substantial part of the funds needed for the vaccines. This year with a larger budget and more people helping to organize it, it should be even more fun. OMAF also hopes to raise \$2,500. With the fund matching grant this should be sufficient for the next shipment to Nigeria. So come and join the party and bring your friends too.

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Global Youth Fast

this year, the United Nations has designated that World Food Day be on Thursday, Oct. 16. One project which has been undertaken by youths around the world to mark this day is a Global Youth Fast, which seeks the participation of all people, young and old, in fasting for twenty-four hours.

The point in fasting, you ask? Ambitious, but far from impossible, the goals of this project are:

- 1) To demonstrate that youth can be united in a common action that bridges political, cultural and religious differences.

- 2) Having people fast for one day will encourage reflection on the causes, consequences, and solutions to the problem of hunger in the world, acknowledging that one third of the world's population cannot make this voluntary sacrifice, but are forced by circumstances beyond their control to live in constant hunger.

- 3) It is hoped that such a fast will open channels for future dialogue that will promote trust, understanding and further united actions.

University campuses in Ontario and Quebec are searching for ways to make these goals more concrete. The Toronto committee encourage that the individual fasting donate the money that would have otherwise been spent on food for that day to organizations dedicated to both short and long-term relief of hunger both in Canada and the rest of the world.

However, an issue of this importance should not be only remembered for one day, and then forgotten; it should be of ongoing concern. We hope that McGill will play a more active role in the quest to lessen hunger, not only in the third world, but in the Montréal community itself. For the moment however we would encourage you to at least join us and other students worldwide in the fast.

Cristina Campbell and Melinda Gough

Designated Driver Program

Thursday, September 25th, 25 fewer drunk drivers were on our roads. For the first time ever a designated driver program was implemented at McGill.

The Management Undergraduate Society offered four free soft drinks to any student who showed their car keys, drivers license and agreed not to drink for the rest of the evening. These drivers were identified by a stamp on both hands. Servers of the beer and liquor were instructed not to serve any alcohol to these students. The program was encouragingly successful, as students were very happy to have an alternative to endangering their own and others lives.

Plans are now under way to have a designated driver program available to all other faculty parties. Hopefully other students will follow the good example set by the Management students and participate in such programs "on masse" in the future.

Daniel Tenenbaum
VP External, M.U.S.

letters

Manspeak

To the Daily:

Suzanne Mehmet's letter (October 8) is based on two mistaken arguments: a misconception about the source of men's anger, and blindness to the true situation of men in our society:

Her convenient distinction between biological determinism (men are innately evil) and historical determinism (men invented evil) is not only smug but facile. BOTH arguments are false and dangerous. (Mehmet naively assumes that women were zombies for 50,000 years while men created culture, that women never had a stake in the cultural order, and that women play no role in forming masculine identity.) Since when has lack of INSTITUTIONALIZED power immunized people — male or female — from greed, malice, intolerance, selfishness or any other vice? Although women sometimes have to use indirect (manipulative) means to do evil, this gives them no moral superiority over the men who use direct ones. Like women, men resent being stereotyped as evil. (Ironically, Mehmet's image of feminine rectitude is itself not only a stereotype, but a 'traditional' one which supported the infamous 'double standard') This kind of moralistic dualism leads inevitably to SELF-righteousness, not righteousness. As women have learned, the only sane response to that is anger.

Feminists (at the Daily, for example) often assume that because women are victims men can't be as well. Nothing could be further from the truth. Although very different, the problems of men are just as severe as those of women. They originate in both culture (a physically and psychologically self-destructive gender role) and nature (biological — though not moral — inferiority). The result is a massive identity problem which is acknowledged by neither men (who aren't 'allowed' to admit their own vulnerability) nor women, (who often imagine that claiming unique status as victims is 'politically correct').

Since the main problem of women is men, and since men also have problems, it follows that women will only be truly liberated when men are too.

As Mehmet says, feminism CAN be "for women and not against men." Polarization is inevitable, however, when it becomes an IDEOLOGY (in which the 'oppressed' group must define itself in opposition to a specific 'oppressor' group). Feminists who ignore men except as adversaries are naive and counter productive since men MUST reject a message which, if internalized, would be self-destructive. The hostility to ideological feminists is due to what they say, or don't say, about MEN, not women. Like women, men must redefine their OWN identity. Similarly, they need to be taken seriously as fully human beings.

Paul Nathanson
PhD 5

Womanspeak

To the Daily:

In reaction to Greg Laws' self-proclaimed problem with feminism. I invite him to explore it as conceptualized here by Margaret Benston: "Feminism analyzes the way that women's situation has been shaped by, and in turn shapes the whole social world. The focus is on women, but the basic enterprise is to understand human affairs."

The italics are mine in direct response to Laws' implication that feminism's aim is to achieve "unrestrained exercise of power" over men.

Women for millennia have lived the reality of oppression: we want to eliminate it, not take control over it.

Laws also seems to have problems interpreting feminism as proposing "that men are synonymous with oppression;" again, a shaky understanding of feminism prevails.

To illustrate through analogy, in South Africa not each white individual is necessarily an op-

pressor; however, the oppressive apartheid system is dominated and self-perpetuated by whites.

In the same way, not each and every man is an oppressor *per se*, but the male-serving patriarchy is an imbalanced social system that has to change.

And as it is very rare indeed for oppressors to awaken one morning bathed in the hard new light of social justice (thus prompted to voluntarily forfeit the benefits and privileges inherent in every oppressive system), change is usually the province of the oppressed themselves. I therefore find highly offensive Laws' patronising dismissal of feminist struggle as a "phase" women need to "get past."

In conclusion, (as some of us must stick to the Daily's 300-word limit), I do realize that I may have banded about too often for Mr. Laws' taste the "problem" words of feminism and oppression; I am however hoping that this may lead to fresh perspectives on such crucial issues.

Andrea Mordecai
Arts U3

Personspeak

To The Daily:

In an article on sexual harassment which appeared in *The Daily of Monday, October 6*, I am quoted as saying: "They may want someone who is in sociology simply because you come across these issues more in my department." The quote was referring to possible reasons for my selection as an assessor for such cases.

I do not recall if I used the word "department" or "discipline" in my discussion with your reporter, but I clearly meant the latter. Sociology as an area of social science concerns itself with the study of inequality, discrimination, and sexism, among other things. A misinterpretation of the quote might lead to an inference that sexual harassment has been an issue in our department. Quite the opposite is true. Indeed, the nature of the discipline may help to sensitize sociologists to these problems. I am sure our record compares very well with other units in the university.

Morton Weinfeld
Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Sociology.

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Voice of women denounces military industrial complex

by Mary Illich

Voice of Women (VOW) is an organization of women, the majority being mothers, who partake in non-violent actions in the fight for nuclear disarmament and global peace.

VOW, which evolved in the sixties, is celebrating its 26th Birthday this year. Organized to deal with moral dilemmas as well as the threat of nuclear annihilation, VOW is celebrating its continued efforts to consolidate nationally the voice of all women.

VOW is structured on a non-hierarchical basis. The social power and responsibilities are equally shared among its members. At their conference in Montréal September 26 to 28th, VOW members met to discuss business, strategies and resolutions for the coming year.

Dorothy Rosenberg, VOW Peace Educator and Coordinator of Canada Council for Development and Disarmament, with five other members of VOW, organized the conference which welcomed eighty-five women from across Canada. The conference, a national general meeting, centered around the theme, *Action-Not-Reaction for Peace and Human Rights Today*.

Rosenberg told the *Daily VOW* is concerned about military spending as a means of job creation. This, she said, "is the worst way to generate jobs, because money is put in but it doesn't circulate. Instead, it is frozen, because nuclear weapons serve no other functional purpose than that of use in war."

"Our money is taken away from such necessities as hospitals and education and other public services and put into government military programs," she said.

According to Rosenberg, this creates a conflict of interest between government/private industry and the popular disarmament movement.

Said Rosenberg, "these military programs are unilaterally passed by the government without much opposition. For example, the U.S. is influenced by right-wing strategists who are closely aligned with the programs. In fact, Alexander Haig, President Reagan's former Minister of Defence was also the President of United Technologies, which produces military goods."

"So those who are associated in decision making are also directly related to industry and money," she said.

Rosenberg recommended to McGill students a film entitled *War Without Winners*, available at the Yellow Door on Aylmer (392-4972).

According to Rosenberg, "It is half an hour long and has some incredible footage which gives off the sublime to the absurd."

"For example, a general (Gen. Graham) who's an adviser to President Reagan says 'Nuclear War can't hurt

anyone because all you have to do is walk to a lilac bush and hide behind it and you'll be safe.'

"This General Graham is a high frontier promoter of Star Wars," added Rosenberg, "I would like teachers to show this film in their classes and hold discussions on and analyze the content."

Rosenberg also discussed the crucial issue that faces the Inuit people. The Labrador attack base, where British, German, U.S. and Canadian fighter attack planes perform low altitude manoeuvres over the Innu homes, has disrupted the peoples' lives and caused danger to ear drums of some children.

Also, according to Rosenberg, "It has caused a high number of pregnancies, resulting from the military men taking out the girls for a beer with the intention of sex."

Rosenberg mentioned that the military justifies its spending on the attack base with the 'threat of Soviet world domination.'

War toys is another issue that VOW focuses upon. They campaign against toys that promote war and violence,

"I didn't want to face my children asking me 'what did you do?' and have nothing to say."

such as Rambo dolls and G.I. Joe's.

Rosenberg said, "These toys are destructive and legitimize killing."

"A resolution was passed that war toys should be boycotted, also that the public should be made aware what they're buying for their children. Parents should make their synagogues, churches, daycare centres war toy-free zones. As well, parents should join other members in organizing a war toy boycott campaign," she said.

The present priority of VOW is their upcoming meeting with Joe Clark. VOW wants to publicly demand that Clark explain Canada's support of U.S. production of nerve gas weapons, a stand which contradicts the con-

structive Canadian role in the Geneva negotiations for a chemical weapons treaty.

They will also pressure Clark to demand a U.S. nuclear test ban moratorium, so that negotiations for the completion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty can begin.

Ursula Franklin, one of the guest speakers, is a member of the faculty of metallurgy and material science at the University of Toronto.

She believes we have an obligation to act and to think. "I didn't want to face my children asking me 'what did you do?' and have nothing to say," she explained.

Franklin discussed security

systems, saying, "the notion of nuclear weapons as security is not security. Security should stand for shelter, safe environment, health, education, and building an appealing future."

"The biblical meaning of security means 'fear not'," she said. "Security should be having not to fear nuclear war and annihilation."

"If you want to have peace you have to work for justice." She makes a conscious effort not to take part in anything that might result in more injustice. "This means not having a savings account at a bank that invests in countries and profits from racism and oppression."

Franklin claims not to reject all views

different from her own. Being a Quaker, she noted, prevents her from being over-ambitious. As a result, it makes her more aware of her duty as a human being.

Another speaker at the conference was Solanges Vincent, a political and economic analyst, and a long time activist with VOW. A frequent leader in peace and disarmament research, she talked about military spending and how it "changes our society from a welfare state to a warfare state society."

"The government believes it's creating jobs by allowing military materials — namely nuclear weapons — to be produced. Instead it is creating short term jobs and creating useless materials. This issue should be discussed and action should be taken to make the government realize the realistic implications of their misconceptions," she said.

Vincent's book *The Human Costs of the War Economy*, deals with Canada's military industrial complex. The book may be obtained for \$2 from the Westmount Initiative For Peace, P.O. BOX 640, Victoria Station, Montréal PQ, H3Z 2Y7.

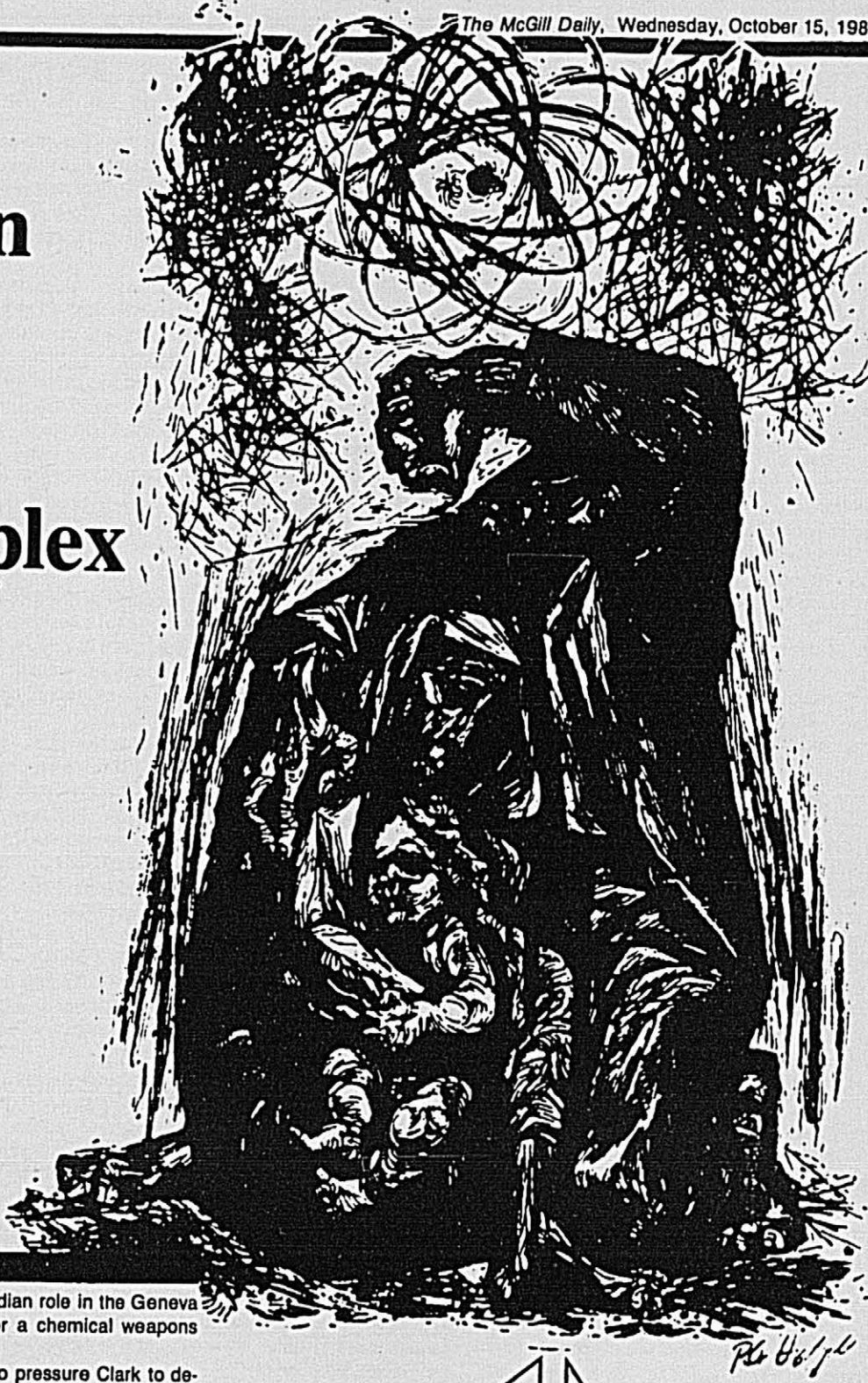
In her concluding statements, she said, "It is in the women's peace movement that we can best detect a will to address the causes as well as

the effects of the militarization of the planet.

"Women experience daily the deterioration in their living and working conditions because of cutbacks of social budgets to feed the war machines. They also recognize the link between growing military expenditures and increased unemployment that deprives many of their livelihood," she said.

Vincent called attention to the worsening conditions of the Third World where Western nations "export their wars, and their arms, test their weapons on far away battle fronts, install military bases, develop sexual tourism, and prostitution, increase poverty, repression and death by their complicity with military juntas."

If anyone wants to contact VOW for information or wants to join, write to Voice of Women, P.O. BOX 935, STATION B, Montreal PQ, H3B 3K5.



Doré trawls for student vote

by Kristina Stockwood
and Chris Lawson

"Youth unemployment has reached unacceptable levels," says mayoral candidate, Jean Doré. He envisions a brighter economic future for Montréal's university students if he becomes Mayor.

"It is necessary to put higher education on the top of the agenda," he said. Doré, the leader of the Montreal Citizen's Movement (MCM), spoke to an audience of 150 people at Concordia's downtown campus last Thursday.

"Being involved in politics means thinking about the future," he said, "and that means youth," because they are the largest source of labour.

"We're in the sixties in technology," he said. Doré emphasized the importance of attracting high tech industries to Montréal. "Technology requires money but above all, educated people." New industries would mean jobs for students, he said.

"I'm not suggesting high-tech enterprise is the miracle solution to all our problems," he cautioned, stressing that cooperation is the key to successful interaction between the university and business world.

"Local government should provoke and sustain interface between universities and business." He called this his "economic strategy for the future."

"Montréal can no longer afford to ignore institutions of higher education. But," he added, "the purse strings are controlled by the provincial government."

He hoped that "students will realize their ambitions and dreams in Mon-

tréal" and "fulfill their aspirations as professionals."

"Montréal's future depends on you," he said to the largely student audience.

Doré affirmed the MCM's promise to



Doré beams at students

open up municipal government to its constituents: "Montréal can not afford to maintain a closed administration run by a private club," he said, referring to the existing administration of the Civic Party.

Doré was asked how he would deal with a public sector strike. "It would be naive to think that the only way to settle the problem is to make it illegal to strike," he responded.

"If there is a strike, essential services must be maintained and a hearing must be set up."

Ideally, "a continual negotiation process" should take place, he said. "The right to negotiate is in the fundamental charter of rights."

"A labour contract is not a sacred cow."

A representative from Passages, a

shelter for young prostitutes, asked how Doré would support non-profit community service projects such as Passages. Doré offered "to help groups find places where they can set up."

He also suggested a possible scheme for providing financial aid by "creating a fund for the private sector to donate to."

"It is a social problem. It affects the quality of life and is a waste of human resources," he said.

Doré is also in favour of legislation to protect non-smokers' rights. "It's the only way to ensure that people who don't smoke don't get their share of it."

He would like to see more construction contracts being sub-contracted. "I propose to adjust the scope of contracts given to private firms."

"We should support smaller firms because big firms don't need contracts."

Doré spoke in favour of bilingual signs: "The french character of Montréal should be preserved. It is a reflection of culture and character."

"We need to sustain an openness and equilibrium to Bill 101. Other languages should be allowed on signs with French."

Asked what the MCM would do about police brutality, Doré explained, "part of the violence is due to the fact that there is not enough emphasis on the fact that they're not there to beat people."

"We wanted to set up a civil body to hear complaints. Right now there's civilians and police sitting on the board." Doré also mentioned plans to

increase representation of visible and cultural minorities on the force and "Eventually to have affirmative action programmes."

Doré sees the solution to Montréal's deficit-ridden metro as low ridership: "We don't have the ridership to justify the investment we made." To remedy this, he says, "We must find to make

more people use the system."

To this end, he suggested parking lots at the ends of the metro line to encourage commuters to use the Metro, bus shelters, paid for by advertising and flexible work hours to offset the costly overload at rush hour. "These proposals have been implemented with great success in Toronto."

A cozy chat with the humanists

by Allison Engler

The most recent Humanist Party (HP) meeting, held at McGill on Monday, quickly turned into a cozy chat when only three people turned up to hear the five party representatives.

The meeting was called as a follow-up to last week's article in *The Daily* concerning the party's municipal campaign in Montréal's November election. It also attempted to drum up support for the second launching of "Humanist McGill", a student association connected with the Party.

Poor planning and lack of publicity were apparently the cause of the sparse number of supporters.

During the conversation, party issues were discussed. Once again the issue that was strongly stressed was that of the undemocratic Montréal electoral laws. Under these laws, a party must consist of 19 candidates, and must pay \$300 per representative. This comes to a grand sum of \$6000.

"We are not a big Liberal machine," a HP representative pointed out, "19 candidates simply cost too much." It is for this reason that the HP, named the Montréal Orange party (MOP) at the municipal level, have dissolved and are running one independent candidate in the municipal election as a symbolic protest.

The \$300 electoral fee makes it impossible for "just ordinary people to run." Democracy is not being correctly implemented. Trudy Case, an HP party member, feels that "the people who run at the municipal level are the ones who run at the federal level."

"Why," she asks, "does it always have to be doctors and lawyers?" The fee defies democracy by limiting the types of people elected into our government.

The party wishes to abolish the \$300 deposit and suggests, "replacing it with 300 signatures as a demonstration of good will."

letters Greg again

To the Daily:

At the risk of inciting riots among *Daily* staff, I shall respond to Suzanne Mehrets letter (Oct. 8).

Your letter is based on two "incorrect interpretations." Firstly, that I believe equality exists today and secondly your own assertion that "two wrongs make a right."

I do not believe equality exists today, neither for men nor women. Because as long as we continue to separate ideas, attitudes and dialogue on the basis of sex, equality is non-existent.

Two wrongs do not make a right. If we (society) can accept that women require education and funding to encourage them to pursue non-traditional employment options, how is it we cannot accept this idea for men?

Because men have had, in your words, "a monopolization of the opportunities for evil" — should we now deny men the chance for change? Can you, or today's militant (assertive) feminists justify social change for women only?

Lastly, space is a concept both sexes share and pursue. I did not mean to imply women should be denied their own space. Rather, I was referring to the mens club bashing of the late 70's, when it was a "crime" for men to have their own space.

Thankfully times have changed and we can all recognize the need for "space". But, as my original letter was intended to state, there will be no equality in life, employment or society so long as men and women pursue separate ideals. It is only when men and women get together and discuss ideas together (as we have) that some real gains will be made!

P.S. How many thousands of women out there aspire to being taxi drivers?

Greg Laws
Grad studies

A lot of money

To the Daily:

There's a lot of talk these days in *the Daily* about \$2500 being a lot of money, enough to stop many students from attending universities. The solution, of course, is that the government should pay for our education. And so here we are at university, expanding and challenging our minds, heading towards employment which will, in most cases, be both intellectually and financially more rewarding than if we hadn't come here, yelling when someone suggests we should pay for this opportunity. I would not suggest that we immediately hand over \$2500 each year for this opportunity, but surely we should pay for it eventually, wither through an improved loan system or

'POET' (*Daily* Oct. 6), since it is us, and not the average taxpayer, who derive the greatest benefit from our educations. Certainly, some students are not on their way to high-paying professions, but if those who are paid for their education, the government would find it easier to subsidize those whose skills our society does not fully appreciate. Perhaps if students started thinking about genuine improvement to our universities instead of immediately screaming when they hear the words 'fee increase', we could really do something about our degenerating university system.

Chris Tromp
U1 Engineering

Strike reaction

To the Daily:

It is with great disappointment that I read of (L'Association nationale des étudiants et étudiants du Québec) ANEQ's decision to call for an unlimited strike in their effort to fight tuition fee increase. At best this action constitutes a foolish and unconstructive attempt which will undoubtedly fall short of achieving ANEQ's stated goal; at worst it is an immoral example of political blackmail.

A more constructive approach was voiced by SSMU president Paul Pickersgill who advocated

holding a forum in which all opinions can be aired. Furthermore, he supports increasing bursary programs and student loans for those who qualify. It is vital to keep in mind that there are many students at McGill and other universities in the province who will endure only minimal suffering under the proposed tuition hike.

It is true that it is in society's best interest to insure the education of its youth, for we compose its future. However it is also essential that we as an equal party in society join together with its other factions in helping support our government when they make a reasonable plea for assistance, as they are currently doing. We must demonstrate our willingness to sacrifice some present individual comfort for future benefit to society.

If ANEQ is adamant in maintaining its stand on tuition increases, then I hope that their tactics will change. Striking is a poor way of protesting in this case. It represents shallow and blind leadership, which is reflected in a stupid decision. If ANEQ's leaders would reconsider their decision with a little care and thoughtfulness about the future of Québec and its student population, they will surely choose better, and more productive tactics to serve their goals.

David Nadler
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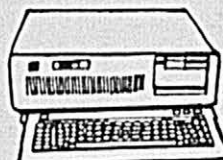
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